

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SB 1191

water protection fund; conservation; supply Prime Sponsor: Senator Griffin, LD 14

X Committee on Agriculture, Water and Lands

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OVERVIEW

SB 1191 expands the use of the Arizona Water Protection Fund and removes the spending cap for water conservation programs.

PROVISIONS

- 1. Expands the use of the Arizona Water Protection Fund (Fund) to include projects that increase water supply.
- 2. Removes the 5% spending cap of Fund monies for water conservation programs.
- 3. Makes technical changes.

CURRENT LAW AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A.R.S. § 45-2113 stipulates that no more than 5% of monies in the Fund may be spent on water conservation programs.

The primary source of the Fund is an in-lieu tax fee collected by the Central Arizona Project for each acre-foot of water sold outside of the three-county service area (Maricopa, Pima and Pinal Counties). Gifts, grants or donations may also be deposited in the Fund. (A.R.S. §§ 45-2112, 48-3715.05, 48-3715).

The <u>Fund</u> was established in 1994 to provide for the development and implementation of measures to protect water for the maintenance, enhancement and restoration of rivers, streams and riparian habitats. The Arizona Water Protection Fund Commission (Commission) was also established at this time to administer the Fund. The Commission is made up of 15 appointed members and two nonvoting members on staggered three year terms.